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- The H.Q. of the Polish Ship Salvage Company is at Gdynia, ulica Swietojanska 23. The Managing Director is Jozef Mlodnicki, member of the Communist Party but non-Communist by conviction; the Vice Director is Plonc; Chief of Personnel is Marcin Czaplicki.
- The Company has the following ships at its disposal:
 - S.S. SWIATOWID: 960 G.R.T. ship equipped with 2,600 H.P. engines, capable of 14 knots. The Captain is Jozef Strug. The crew numbers 30. This ship is used as an ice-breaker in winter.
 - S.S. SWAROZEC: Equipped with 2,200 H.P. engines. The Captain is Czeslaw Kowalski.
 - S.S. HERKULES: Former German ship, equipped with 1,880 H.P. engines.
 - S.S. POSEJDON: Former German ship, at present undergoing repairs in the Gdansk shipyards. It is equipped with 1,880 H.P. engines.
 - S.S. SMOK: Probably a former German ship or Polish pre-war ship. Engines 1,200 H.P. capable of only 6 knots.
- All these ships, with the exception of S.S. SMOK, are equipped with diving gear. They are, in appearance, like tugs and often act as tugs. They are used for recovering wrecks in the vicinity of ports and in shallow waters, and are based at Gdynia with the exception of S.S. SWAROZEC, which is stationed at Stettin. It is planned to develop this company by establishing stations at Hel, Ustka, Kolobrzeg and by the purchase of more ships abroad.

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